

CALIFORNIA

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is the primary form for requesting registration and/or an absentee ballot from your local election official. Read all instructions printed below and on the FPCA before completing and signing your application.

FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION

REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)	
APPLICATION FOR STATE OF _____ COUNTY OF _____ CITY OR TOWNSHIP OF _____ §	
I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.	
1. APPLICANT INFORMATION (See instruction 1.)	
a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	b. SEX c. RACE
d. DATE OF BIRTH	e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER f. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NO. (passport, ID card)
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2. I LAST VOTED or PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION (Do not leave this section blank. See instructions.)	
a. YEAR b. COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP	c. STATE d. VOTER REGISTRATION NO. (if known)
3. VOTING RESIDENCE (For military, legal residence. For overseas civilians, last residence in U.S. IF USING RURAL ROUTE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS.)	
a. LAST DATE OF RESIDENCY	
M M D D Y Y	
b. NUMBER AND STREET (Do not use Post Office Box)	
c. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	d. STATE
e. COUNTY OR PARISH	f. ZIP CODE (9-digit, if known)
4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO: (Mailing address where you want the ballot to be sent.)	
5. YOUR FAX NUMBER (If this application is faxed, include all international prefixes. See instructions.)	
6. POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION (This information is required by most states to send you a ballot for primary elections. See Instructions.)	
7. REMARKS (Provide additional information which will assist local election officials in determining your eligibility to register and vote. See Instructions.)	
8. AFFIRMATION BY APPLICANT	
X only one: a, b, c or d	
I swear/affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am: (See Instructions)	
a. a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent.	
b. a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S.	
c. a U.S. citizen overseas by virtue of employment or accompanying spouse or dependent.	
d. other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S.	
e. I am a U.S. citizen, eligible to vote in the above jurisdiction, and subscribed to any required state/local oath or statement.	
f. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated.	
g. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S.	
h. The information on this form is true and complete.	
i. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	j. DATE
	M M D D Y Y
9. WITNESS/NOTARY ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE (If required by state law)	
DATE SIGNED	
M M D D Y Y	

The information contained herein is for official use only. Any unauthorized release of this information may be punishable by law.

Application Instructions

Circled letters on the form above correspond to the instructions below. You must complete all shaded areas.

A. Do not leave blank. Enter "N/A" if not applicable or if you are a first time voter.

B. Provide the complete street address of your California voting residence. A post office box is not acceptable. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location. For example: "on Highway _____, 2 miles past Highway _____, across the street from the _____ gas station." This address must be different from the one provided in Item 4 and must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.

C. Print the complete address where you want your ballot sent — usually your current mailing address.

Your current mailing address must be different from the address you provided in Item 3.

D. Print the name of the political party (i.e., Democratic, Republican, American Independent, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law or Reform), write "Decline to State," or write in the name of a non-qualified political body. If you do not complete Item 6, you will be registered "Decline to State." If you are currently registered and want to make changes, you must submit a completed FPCA to your local elections official not later than 15 days before the election.

E. Check ONE box.

F. You must sign and date the FPCA. When signing, you are swearing or affirming that the information is true and correct.

I. UNIFORMED SERVICES

A. Who Can Do It

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of California and members of the Uniformed Services and their family members. Uniformed Services are defined as the U.S. Armed Forces, merchant marine, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

B. Registering and Requesting an Absentee Ballot

A single FPCA may be used to request both primary and general election absentee ballots in a calendar year (for local, state and Federal offices).

If you are unregistered, complete and sign the FPCA and return it to the county election official. It must be received not later than 15 days before the election.

If you are already registered, you may use the FPCA form or submit a letter to the county election official to request a full ballot (local, state, Federal offices). Your request must be received not later than 7 days before the election.

If you send a letter, you must provide your name as registered, voting residence address, address to which the absentee ballot should be sent, and the name and date of the election. You must sign and date the letter.

C. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: Return your voted ballot so that it arrives at the county elections office by the close of polls (8:00 p.m.) on election day.

Local election officials begin mailing ballots approximately 29 days before the election.

If you are outside the U.S. and have not received your state ballot in a timely manner, use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot. See instruction in Chapter 2, page 12.

D. Notary/Witness Requirements

No registration or voting materials are notarized or witnessed.

E. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

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Please refer to Appendix C for specific instructions when transmitting election materials electronically. Use only the following numbers:

DSN 223-5527

(703) 693-5527

1-800-368-8683

F. Special Write-in Absentee Ballot

California provides a state special absentee voter ballot if you cannot vote an absentee ballot during the normal absentee voting period because of military or other contingencies which preclude normal mail delivery. This ballot is available 60 days before the election to both registered voters and citizens eligible to vote but not yet registered.

To request this special ballot, place one of the special absentee labels from Section III.G in Item 7 of the FPCA. You must state the reason(s) why you cannot vote using normal mail delivery. If no labels are available, write in Item 7: "I cannot vote an absentee ballot during the normal absentee voting period due to military or other contingencies that preclude normal mail delivery. {Specify reason(s).} I request a special absentee ballot."

The elections official will provide a list of all the candidates qualified by the 60th day before the election as well as the measures to be voted on. You vote the ballot by writing in the names of the candidates you select.

Instructions continue in Section III: Uniformed Services & Civilians Outside U.S.

Notify Your Local Election Official About Your Current Mailing Address

II. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Who Can Do It

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of California or overseas citizens. The term “overseas citizen(s)” means a United States citizen who resides outside the United States and (but for such residence) would be qualified to vote in California.

- California residents temporarily residing outside the U.S (for ballots for local, state and Federal offices)

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III. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons who are not U.S. citizens, are not 18 years of age, are currently imprisoned or on parole for a felony conviction or persons judged mentally incompetent, may not register or vote.

B. Cancellation of Registration

Registration is permanent only when a state Affidavit of Registration is filed with the county elections official. It can be cancelled for specified reasons, including a change of residence address.

C. Action on Registration Request

When the FPCA is used for registration, notice of acceptance or denial is sent by the elections official.

D. Action If Registration Is Denied

Any person notified that registration has been denied should correct all deficiencies and resubmit the request. If a second denial is received, consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel.

E. Late Registration

(1) If a registered voter is unable to appear at his/her polling place because of being recalled to service after the final day for applying for an absentee voter's ballot, but before 5 p.m. on the day before the election, he/she may appear before the elections official and apply for an absentee ballot. The ballot may be voted at the official's office or elsewhere and returned before the close of the polls on election day.

(2) Discharged military personnel and civilians outside the U.S. who return to their county of residence following the close of the registration period for the upcoming election may apply in person to the elections official for permission to register and vote in the election. You must provide documentary proof that your release was after the registration closing date.

F. Where To Send It

Mail FPCA to the voting official in your county of voting residence as listed below.

County	Address	Zip Code
Alameda	Registrar of Voters 1225 Fallon St., Room G1 Oakland, CA	94612-4229
Alpine	County Clerk PO Box 158 Markleeville, CA	96120-0158
Amador	Registrar of Voters 500 Argonaut Lane Jackson, CA	95642-9534
Butte	County Clerk 25 County Center Dr. Oroville, CA	95965-3375
Calaveras	County Clerk Elections Department 891 Mountain Ranch Road San Andreas, CA	95249-9709
Colusa	County Clerk 546 Jay St. Colusa, CA	95932
Contra Costa	County Clerk PO Box 271 Martinez, CA	94553-0027
Del Norte	County Clerk-Recorder 981 H Street, Room 160 Crescent City, CA	95531-3415
El Dorado	Registrar of Voters PO Box 678001 Placerville, CA	95667-8001
Fresno	County Clerk 2221 Kern St. Fresno, CA	93721-2600
Glenn	County Clerk 516 W. Sycamore St. Willows, CA	95988-2746
Humboldt	County Clerk 3033 H St. Eureka, CA	95501-4483
Imperial	County Clerk Courthouse, 940 W. Main St., Rm.202 El Centro, CA	92243-2865
Inyo	County Clerk P.O. Drawer F Independence, CA	93526-0606
Kern	County Clerk Elections Office 1115 Truxtun Avenue Bakersfield, CA	93301-4639
Kings	County Clerk Government Center 1400 W. Lacey Blvd. Hanford, CA	93230-5997
Lake	County Clerk 255 N. Forbes St. Lakeport, CA	95453-4748
Lassen	County Clerk 220 S. Lassen St. Susanville, CA	96130-4397
Los Angeles	Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk 12400 Imperial Highway PO Box 1024, Norwalk, CA	90051-1024
Madera	County Clerk 209 W. Yosemite Ave. Madera, CA	93637-3596
Marin	County Clerk-Recorder P.O. Box E San Rafael, CA	94913-3904
Mariposa	County Clerk PO Box 247 Mariposa, CA	95338-0247
Mendocino	County Clerk 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1020 Ukiah, CA	95482-3738
Merced	County Clerk 2222 M St., Rm. 14 Merced, CA	95340-3780
Modoc	County Clerk PO Box 130 Alturas, CA	961010130

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Mono	County Clerk PO Box 237 Bridgeport, CA	93517-0237	Santa Cruz	County Clerk 701 Ocean St., Rm. 210 Santa Cruz, CA	95060-4076
Monterey	Registrar of Voters P.O. Box 1848 Salinas, CA	93901-1848	Shasta	County Clerk P.O. Box 990880 Redding, CA	96099-0880
Napa	County Clerk 900 Coombs St., Room 256 Napa, CA	94559-2946	Sierra	County Clerk PO Drawer D Downieville, CA	95936-0398
Nevada	County Clerk 10433 Willow Valley Road, Suite E Nevada City, CA	95959-2367	Siskiyou	County Clerk PO Box 338 Yreka, CA	96097-0338
Orange	Registrar of Voters PO Box 11298 Santa Ana, CA	92711-1298	Solano	Registrar of Voters 510 Clay Street Fairfield, CA	94533-5625
Placer	County Clerk P.O. Box 5278 Auburn, CA	95604-5278	Sonoma	County Clerk PO Box 11485 Santa Rosa, CA	95406-1485
Plumas	County Clerk 520 Main Street, Room 102 Quincy, CA	95971-9366	Stanislaus	County Clerk 1021 "I" Street, Suite 101 Modesto, CA	95354-2331
Riverside	Registrar of Voters 2724 Gateway Drive Riverside, CA	92507-0918	Sutter	County Clerk 433 Second Street Yuba City, CA	95991
Sacramento	Registrar of Voters 3700 Branch Center Rd. Sacramento, CA	95827-3892	Tehama	County Clerk PO Box 250 Red Bluff, CA	96080-0250
San Benito	County Clerk Court House, Rm 206 440 Fifth St. Hollister, CA	95023-3843	Trinity	County Clerk PO Box 1258 Weaverville, CA	96093-1258
San Bernardino	Registrar of Voters 777 E. Rialto Ave. San Bernardino, CA	92415-0770	Tulare	County Registrar of Voters 221 S Mooney Blvd., Room G-28 Visalia, CA	93291-4596
San Diego	Registrar of Voters P.O.Box 85656 San Diego, CA	92186-5656	Tuolumne	County Clerk Administration Center 2 S. Green St. Sonora, CA	95370-4696
San Francisco	Acting Director of Elections City Hall - 1 Dr. Carlton Goodlett Place, Room 48, San Francisco, CA	94102-4634	Ventura	County Clerk 800 S. Victoria Ave., L-1200 Ventura, CA	93009-1200
San Joaquin	Registrar of Voters PO Box 810 Stockton, CA	95201-3010	Yolo	County Clerk PO Box 1820 Woodland, CA	95776-1820
San Luis Obispo	County Clerk 1144 Monterey St., Suite A San Luis Obispo, CA	93408-3237	Yuba	County Clerk Courthouse 935 14th Street Marysville, CA	95901-5793
San Mateo	County Clerk - Registrar 40 Tower Rd. San Mateo, CA	94402-4098			
Santa Barbara	County Clerk PO Box 159 Santa Barbara, CA	93102-0159			
Santa Clara	Registrar of Voters PO Box 1147 San Jose, CA	95108-1147			

Every Vote Counts: Vote!

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